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From the President

With the wealth of creative activities and accomplishments among us—individually and collectively—and with the need to share these, a campus newsletter is called for. Different than *What to Expect*, this biweekly newsletter will chronicle our ongoing endeavors and achievements as a college community. What is the best title to capture the direction and flavor of our col-

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Glacial Lake Hitchcock video in the making

"Lake Hitchcock greatly influences our daily lives in the Pioneer Valley because most of the towns here are built either on the shore or the floor of Lake Hitchcock!" says Dick Little, Professor of Geology.

"I think it's exciting just to realize that link between the geology and the landscape! There's meaning in all of those shapes we see—whether they're

flat or whether they're sloping or whether they're lakes—there's great geological meaning there which is not all that hard to figure out if you know

some of the basic principals of geology." Illuminating those basic principals of geology in a way that spurs students to enter the field of science is the impetus

behind a new video now being produced by Dick

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Groundwater aquifers are linked to the shoreline areas of glacial Lake Hitchcock.

Foundation meeting honors its members, mission

Charitable foundations are governed by laws—scads of them. One of them says you have to have an annual meeting where reports are delivered and money is accounted for. This law says nothing about honoring your mission, or bringing the assembled membership to their feet time after time in accolades of recognition. But that's exactly what

happened at the 30th annual meeting of the GCC Foundation, notes Executive Director Allen Davis. Original incorporators present that evening included Mort Slavin, Carolyn Parenteau, Ward Hunting, and Grace Mayers. Robbie Cohn was honored with the Foundation's Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding leadership of the 1998 Matching

Gifts Campaign. Previous winners of the Distinguished Service Award present included Grace Mayers, Mort Slavin, Meldon F. Rice, Jean B. Cummings, Arline Cohn, and Patricia A. Allen. New GCC faculty members welcomed into the Foundation were **Kate Douglas, Paula Gastenveld, Peter Rosnick,**

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"Everything in the valley has to do with Lake Hitchcock, from the sources of ground water to where towns and cities are located." —Dick Little

Awards

Congratulations to **David M. Johnson**, Professor of Psychology, who recently received a citation from the International College of Prescribing Psychologists as a result of his involvement in a training program to prepare clinical psychologists to write prescriptions. Awarded by the International College of Prescribing Psychologists, the certificate designates David M. Johnson, FPPR, as the recipient of "The Outstanding Pioneer Leadership Award, in full recognition of the professionalism and devotion to the pioneering efforts of psychologists in advancing psychopharmacology." Prescription privileges for psychologists is an important issue, says Johnson, because "right now, 80% of the prescriptions for psychotropic drugs in the United States are written by general practitioners who have no specialty training in psychology, psychotropic drugs, or psychiatry." Johnson anticipates that this situation will change inside of the next twenty-four months.

Glacial Lake Hitchcock video

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Little. "For instance, the curving lakes that are called ox-bows, are former river channels, and the river bends and can cut itself off at the narrow spot which is known as the neck of the meander—it's actually called the neck cut-off. We find those frequently in the lower parts of the flood

plains and it's a whole habitat or ecosystem that's quite different from the surroundings."

Funded by a \$5 million region-wide grant from STEMTEC, combined with release time granted by GCC, Professor Little expects to complete the video project by December of 1999.

Higher Priorities

Congratulations to Karen and Michael Phillips on the birth of their second daughter, born August 16th, at 9 lbs., 1/2 oz., and named Mackenzie Jean Phillips. "She looks like me," says Karen, an accountant in the business department, "but she has my husband's easy-going personality. She's really a good baby. I guess we lucked out!"

GCC wins contract to benefit early care providers

The Mass. Dept. of Education has awarded a new contract worth \$90,909 for each of two years to GCC and HCAC's Child Care Focus of Northampton to offer educational opportunities for early child care

providers in Franklin and Hampshire Counties and the North Quabbin region. "What we're doing," says Steve Budd, "is creating educational pathways for the people who are staffing child care centers and preschools, and of-

fering family child care in their homes."

"Some of the people we are reaching out to," says Nancy Winter, "have never taken a college course. This contract lets us tailor the program to meet their needs."

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lective endeavors? Five suggestions: Campus, Spectrum, Almanac, Fanfare, Courier, Voice. Please present your choice of a title—whether from this list or one of your own, to Chris Harris, editor. I sincerely hope that this newsletter helps convey the full range of contributions made by the entire faculty and staff of GCC!

GCC Foundation honors its mission

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Karen Truehart, Anne Wiley, and Donna Wilson. Kate Douglas was additionally recognized for her two years of service as Faculty/Staff liaison to the Board. Tim Rice, Larry Beane, and Pat Stevenson were thanked for their years of service to the Foundation Board. Keynote speaker of the evening was state senator Stan Rosenberg, who issued "a call to arms" to

codify the Mass Fair Share educational funding plan, so that an economic downturn does not mean a decrease in funding for higher education. Standing ovations honored out-going Board Chairman Bill Freeman, Robbie Cohn, and 92-year-old Grace Mayers, who rallied local support for the college at a time when GCC was just a twinkling in the eyes of educational visionaries.